

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THORACIC SURGERY

Seventy-ninth Annual Meeting

April 18-21, 1999

Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, New Orleans, La

Registration

Both members and nonmembers are urged to preregister as soon as possible using the preregistration form, which can be obtained by writing the Association at: American Association for Thoracic Surgery, 13 Elm Street, Manchester, Massachusetts 01944, 978-526-8330 or FAX 978-526-7521, or visit the Association website at www.aats.org. The meeting of the Association is open to all physicians. Guest presenting authors, House Officers, and Fellows must provide a letter from their chief of service at the time of registration. Non-member physicians are required to pay a registration fee of \$250 and allied health professionals, physician assistants, and perfusionists are required to pay a registration fee of \$150.

*Program**

Memoranda for guidance of speakers and discussants

1. In accordance with the By-Laws of the Association, the papers which are read at the meeting shall be given to the Session Moderator immediately after presentation. The paper submitted for consideration for publication in *The Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery* must bear a close relationship in length to the paper presented at the meeting.

2. In publication it is customary to group discussion together on a series of papers. Transcription of the discussion will be forwarded to discussants for review and correction. Any delay in the return of corrected discussions means that publication of all papers on the subject will be held up. Such a delay is manifestly unfair to those who are conscientious in the prompt submission of their remarks. Unreasonable delay will preclude publication.

3. Scientific session speakers will be limited to 10 minutes and discussers will be limited to 3 minutes. Forum speakers will be limited to 7 minutes and discussers will be limited to 2 minutes.

4. Speakers are requested to deliver their slides to the projectionist in the Speaker Ready Room at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center 30 minutes prior to the opening of their session. **Single projection on three screens will be available in the plenary session only and will require three sets of slides.** All other sessions will be single projection and will require one set of slides. Slides should be in order and marked with the number of the paper as it appears in the program.

5. *Discussion of Papers.* Members, nonmember physicians, and invited speakers have the privilege of discussing papers. All discussers should register with the Moderator of the Session prior to the opening of the session during which the paper is to be presented. All discussion will be presented from floor microphones and may not be accompanied by slides. Authors will respond to each discussant in sequence.

Of special interest to Residents

1. *Cardiothoracic Residents' Luncheon.* The Twenty-first Annual Cardiothoracic Residents' Luncheon will be conducted on Tuesday, April 20, 1999, at 12:15 PM, at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. Physicians in cardiothoracic residency programs interested in attending this luncheon are advised to preregister by checking the appropriate box on the Annual Meeting preregistration form.

2. The Association would like to extend an invitation to residents to attend one of the three premeeting symposia as guests of the Association. Preregistration is required, and Residents should check the appropriate box on the preregistration form to participate in one of the symposia on Congenital Heart Disease, Adult Cardiac Surgery, or General Thoracic Surgery.

*In this program, an asterisk after a name means "by invitation."